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1. THE THREE MAJOR EGYPTIAN DAILIES DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL
MORE FRONT PAGE SPACE TO THE VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE THAN
MONDAY. BANNER HEADLINES IN AL-AHRAM, THE SEMI-OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER, ANNOUNCED VANCE'S CARRYING THE RESULTS OF HIS
TALKS IN ISRAEL TO PRESIDENT SADAT. AL-AHRAM ALSO CARRIED
A FRONT PAGE PHOTO OF THE FIRST ROUND TALKS BETWEEN THE
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EYYPTIANS AND AMERICANS. WHILE AL-AKHBAR DID NOT CARRY
BANNER HEADLINES, IT HAD A CENTER FRONT PAGE PHOTO OF
FOREIGN MINISTER MOHAMMED IBRAHIM KAMEL GREETING THE
SECRETARY ON HIS ARRIVAL AND CARRIED THE HEADLINE "AN IMPOR-
TANT MEETING BETWEEN SADAT AND VANCE." AL-GOMHOURIYA HEAD-
LINED THE CLOSED MEETING BETWEEN SADAT AND VANCE AND EGYPT'S
WILLINGNESS TO RESTART THE PEACE TALKS BUT "WITHOUT EITHER

TERROTORIAL OR SOVEREIGNTY CONCESSIONS" AND CARRIED AN INSIDE PHOTO OF PRESIDENT SADAT WELCOMING SECRETARY VANCE.

2. AL-AHRAM SPEAKS OF THE AMERICAN ROLE AS MEDIATOR "TILL PEACE IS ACHIEVED". IT STATES THAT THE U.S., WHILE BRINGING NO UNDUE PRESSURE ON EITHER SIDE, IS BECOMING BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE OBSTACLES FACED BY BOTH COUNTRIES AND BELIEVES THE EGYPTIANS AND THE ISRAELIS WILL NOT ACHIEVE ANYTHING BY STOPPING THE TALKS. THE U.S. ALSO BELIEVES BOTH SIDES SHOULD GO FURTHER THAN EITHER DID AT LEEDS, THAT ISRAEL HAS ACCEPTED AND IS COMMITTED TO UN RESOLUTION 242. THE PAPER FURTHER STATES, " VANCE HAS TALKED WITH ISRAELIS ABOUT THE PROPOSED MEETING AT AL-ARISH AND THE RETURN BY ISRAEL OF THIS CITY TO EGYPT." ACCORDING TO AL-AHRAM, AMERICAN SOURCES SAY THE ISRAELIS ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE ON EVERYTHING BUT "A RETURN TO THE 1967 BORDERS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PALESTINE STATE."

"THE EGYPTIANS HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT IN THE TALKS STARTED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES EIGHT MONTHS AGO THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT CHANGED THEIR POSITION. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ISRAELIS WILL ADOPT ANY DIFFERENT VIEW" AL-AHRAM CONTINUES. "THE CONTINUITY OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT ENABLES THE U.S. TO OFFER NEW IDEAS TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS; HOWEVER, THE U.S. WILL NOT OFFER AN OVERALL PLAN TO SOLVE THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM" THE PAPER UNCLASSIFIED

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CONCLUDES.

3. AL-AKHBAR CENTERS ON THE VANCE ARRIVAL STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. SEEKS A COMPREHENSIVE, DURABLE PEACE AND QUOTES FOREIGN MINISTER KAMEL SAYING, FOLLOWING INITIAL TALKS WITH SECRETARY VANCE, "THE TALKS WERE USEFUL AND FRANK. THE UNITED STATES AND EGYPT ARE COMMITTED TO PEACE BUT OUR POSITION REMAINS THE SAME."

4. AL-GOMHOURIYA QUOTED SADAT'S PRESS SECRETARY NASSAR AS SAYING "THE TALKS COVERED THE WHOLE SITUATION, INCLUDING SECRETARY VANCE'S VISIT TO ISRAEL." IT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS.

5. IN THE ONLY EDITORIAL ON THE VISIT, AL-AHRAM UNDER THE CAPTION "VANCE AND THE DECISIVE HOURS" STRESSED THAT THE WHOLE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IS DEPENDENT ON PROPOSALS BROUGHT BY SECRETARY VANCE FROM TEL AVIV AND AMERICAN IDEAS ON SETTling THE CURRENT IMPASSE. THE EDITORIAL BLAMES ISRAEL BECAUSE OF ITS HARDLINE POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL FROM "OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY" FOR THE IMPASSE. IT ASSERTS ISRAEL'S

AIM TO ANNEX THE WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP LIES BEHINE ITS
TOUGH POLICY ADOPTED AT LEEDS." THE U.S. SHOULD DECLARE A
CLEAR AND DECISIVE POSITION BASED ON PREVIOUS AMERICAN
STATEMENTS", RELATING TO RESOLUTION 242 AND THE ASWAN DECLARATION, THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES. "WITHOUT ADOPTING A
POSITION OF THIS NATURE AT THIS CRUCIAL MOMENT, PEACE IS IN
DANGER," THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES. MCCLELLAND

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